

Hospital Has History Serving Our Community

West Valley Hospital Medical Center, a 74-bed, acute care facility in Goodyear, will officially open for business in early September. The hospital is designed to provide state-of-the-art obstetrics, medical and surgical services, cardiology, intensive care and a full-service emergency department.

Goodyear's first hospital is focusing on patient choice, comfort and convenience. Making the hospital stay the best possible experience for patients is the motivation behind the design of the private patient rooms.

"Because we want to create the most comfortable setting for our patients, each room is equipped with many of the same amenities found in the home environment, which even includes room service to accommodate the patient's eating schedule," said Debbie Flores, Administrator and Chief Operating Officer.

The West Valley Emergency Center has been a long-standing healthcare provider in Goodyear and is currently located at Litchfield Rd. and Van Buren St. This freestanding emergency center has been providing emergency services to the West Valley for 20 years.

"With the new hospital we are moving and expanding our services to meet the growing healthcare needs of the West Valley," said Flores.

On September 17, 2003 at 7 a.m., the West Valley Emergency Center will close.

A Great New Amenity Opens in Goodyear

You're Invited!

New West Valley Medical Center Opens With Free Community Celebrations



The Southwest Valley's first hospital is commemorating its grand opening with a free community open house and ice cream social on August 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

West Valley Hospital Medical Center at 13677 W. McDowell in Goodyear celebrates its roots in the Southwest Valley by involving volunteer groups, community-based organizations, Goodyear Police Department and Fire Department, Luke Air Force Base and the Phoenix Coyotes in the day's festivities.

All Goodyear residents are invited to get to know "your" hospital, tour the new facility and meet the healthcare staff, while experiencing the old-fashioned goodness of an ice cream social. The event also

provides an opportunity to participate in health screenings throughout the day. There will be a children's area with day-long entertainment, and some of the newest West Valley residents, the Phoenix Coyotes, will be at the event to sign autographs.

The festivities begin at 11 a.m. with a special presentation and flag raising by the Luke Air Force Base Honor Guard. Afterwards, the community will be invited in to see the West Valley Hospital Medical Center for the first time!

The City of Goodyear is pleased to welcome its first hospital. Everyone has been waiting with anxious anticipation! Visit their web site to learn more about this great addition to our community: www.wvhospital.com.



Mayor-Elect Jim Cavanaugh

Mayor Explains West Valley Transportation Needs

With the continued rapid growth in the Valley, it has become apparent to most Valley leaders that our current freeway system will not support future growth. Much of the current system was built with money generated by a one-half cent sales tax for freeway construction. This tax, originally passed by Maricopa County voters in 1985, will expire in 2005.

Our state legislators are willing to ask the voters to extend the tax for another 20 years. The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) will map a plan incorporating multi-modal transportation needs including freeways, major arterial streets, light and commuter rail, bus rapid transit and regional bus services.

To accomplish this responsibility, MAG expanded membership on its regional Transportation Subcommittee and renamed it the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC). Membership is comprised of all Maricopa County mayors, industry leaders, a county representative and state transportation board members. I am one of six West Valley elected officials serving on the TPC. We have had many meetings since January and unanimity has been a challenge.

Assuming the citizens vote to extend the tax, we expect to have about \$8.7 billion available for transportation projects from 2005 to 2025. With federal and other state funding sources, the total funds available will be approximately \$15 billion. This is

a lot of money, but not enough to fund all the necessary transportation projects.

During the most recent TPC meeting, a majority of members agreed to support a tentative budget that exceeds anticipated financial resources by about \$800 million. The list of proposed projects will face a final engineering analysis to determine which transportation corridors will be most heavily traveled. Supported by this performance-based analysis and comments from citizens at five regional open houses in August, some projects will fall from the list so existing funding constraints are met. The final map of approved projects will be sent to state legislators and the Governor for review and then onto the taxpayers for a vote, either in 2004 or early 2005.

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As indicated, consensus has been challenging within the TPC. Keeping the West Valley's needs in the plan has been tough. The following summary of the West Valley position is supported by most, if not all, of the West Valley mayors and possibly the entire business community leaders within the TPC.

The existing 303 was designated in 1985 as a freeway and should be built to run from MC-85 in the south (Goodyear) to I-17, aligned with Lone Mountain Road. An HOV lane and general purpose lanes are to be constructed on I-10 west at least to Cotton Lane. New bus routes and light rail are very possible in Glendale and northwest areas. A rapid transit bus service on I-10 as far west as Buckeye is likely.

Light rail from Phoenix along I-10 to 79th or 99th Avenue may also find its way into the final document. The Union Pacific-Southern Pacific rail line may be designated for commuter rail in the final plan, but funding would have to come from sources other than the half-cent sales tax.

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Finally, and importantly to Goodyear, West Valley and industry leaders support an I-10 reliever freeway along the Broadway alignment from the 303 to the projected South Mountain Freeway. We are insistent that another freeway as a relief for I-10 east-west movement remain in the plan because current projections by MAG indicate that both the enlarged I-10 and a six-lane freeway reliever along the Broadway alignment will not be enough to satisfy traffic flow in 2030. Mass transit will become increasingly important for the West Valley, but for the next twenty years, I believe our first priority should be to seek enhancements specifically intended to move vehicular traffic.

I had previously mentioned there will be open house meetings to derive citizen input for the existing tentative plan. Our Southwest Valley open house will be on August 20th. *Please try to attend.* See the article on the next page for more about the meetings. A strong show of support from West Valley residents will go a long way in helping us achieve our objectives. With your assistance, I believe we can provide a foundation for the West Valley's future transportation needs that will help us maintain the high quality of life we enjoy today as we grow tomorrow.

Give MAG Your Input on Transportation Wishes

MAG's meeting for Southwest Valley residents to discuss the draft regional transportation plan is:

August 20

5 - 7 p.m.

Avondale Public Safety Building
1825 N. 107th Ave. - 2nd floor

If you can't make the meeting, please show your support by sending an e-mail to trans_needs@ci.goodyear.az.us. We need your help!

Apply for Southwest Valley Citizen Academy Classes

Curious about how your local government works? It's amazing what you will learn in eight evenings of education. You can sign up for all eight classes for \$50 or take single classes at \$10 each.

The Fall 2003 session begins Sept. 11th. Classes are held from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Estrella Community College. If you are interested, call Kirsten Hall at 623-935-8492.

The City of Goodyear's Aquatics & Recreation Division will be registering for fall programs starting August 11th. Classes include dance, karate, gymnastics, music and arts & crafts. For more information, call Jennifer McGrann at 623-882-7531.



Goodyear City Council (l to r): Dr. Fred Scott, Vice Mayor Dick Sousa, Sue Linney, Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Frank Cavalier, Ken Porter, and Rob Antoniak.

Council Calendar

All Council meetings and work sessions are held at the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd.

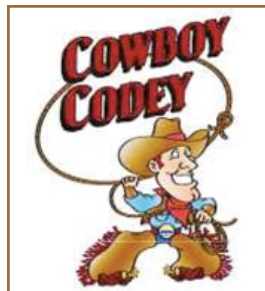
Monday, August 11 - Work Session - 5 p.m. & Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Monday, August 18 - Work Session - 5 p.m.

Monday, August 25 - Work Session - 5 p.m. & Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Job Openings

Visit the City of Goodyear Web site at www.ci.goodyear.az.us or call the City's 24-hour hotline, (623) 932-1716, for job listings. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions. The Human Resource Office is located at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Phone (623) 882-7752. TTY (623) 932-6500. EEO/M/F/V/H/D.



"RENTAL PROPERTY MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE COUNTY ASSESSOR"

In August 1999, the Arizona Legislature passed the Residential Rental Property Statute, which requires all property owners to register their residential rental property. Registering rental property as required by A.R.S. 33-1902 will give public safety agencies a way to contact owners when emergencies or problems occur on their property. If you own rental property, you may contact the Maricopa County Assessor's Office at (602) 506-3406 or <http://www.maricopa.gov/assessor/> to determine what you need to do to get this property registered.

Failure to register a residential rental property carries a mandatory civil penalty of \$1000 plus \$100 for each additional month that the property is not registered.

If you have any questions about this process or problems on a rental near you, contact the City of Goodyear Code Compliance Manager at 623-882-7815.

You and Your Water Closet!

Almost 75% of water used in your home is used in the bathroom. Most of that is going down the drain! Avoid using your toilet for a wastebasket. Extra flushes waste water and money. Listen for gurgling sounds coming from your toilet. These noises indicate the flush valve needs to be adjusted to stop wasting water.



Other ideas for water conservation in the bathroom include:

- Remember to turn off the faucet when you brush your teeth, shave and even when cleaning the bathroom. A running faucet can waste a cup of water every second. That is over 3 gallons of water a minute!
- Check your faucets, showerheads and toilets for leaks.
- Limit showers to 5 minutes.
- Replace standard shower heads with low-volume heads or flow restricters.
- Check your toilet periodically for leaks by placing a few drops of food coloring in the tank. After a few minutes, if you see the color in the bowl, you have a leak.
- Fill a plastic, one-quart bottle with water and place it in the toilet tank. To anchor the bottle, partially fill it with sand or any other heavy substance. This does not affect the efficiency of most toilets and can save five or more gallons of water per day, for a family of four.

Your Opinion Counts

We want your ideas on how we may better serve you. Just fill out this form and return it with your garbage collection bill or mail it to Linda Dillard, Community Advocate, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., P.O. Box 5100, Goodyear, AZ 85338, or e-mail to Ldillard@ci.goodyear.az.us

Comments (please print) _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____



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City Hall	(623) 932-3910
City Manager	(623) 882-7051
CitySource Office	(623) 882-7808
Code Compliance	(623) 882-7815
Community Advocate	(623) 882-7800
Crisis Service Line	(623) 882-7677
Dead Animal Removal	(602) 561-5704
Engineering	(623) 882-7979
Garbage/Trash/Recycling	(623) 932-1637
Economic Development	(623) 932-3025
Fire Department	(623) 932-2300
Mayor & City Council	(623) 882-7776
Neighborhood Programs	(623) 882-7808
Parks/Pool/Recreation	(623) 932-1637
Planning & Zoning	(623) 932-3005
Police Department	(623) 932-1220
Streets/Transportation	(623) 932-1637
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Bill Payment	(623) 932-3015
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